

MURDERED IN ROAD AND HIS BODY HIDDEN

Mystery in the Fate of Edward Zerbe, Killed Near Hampton.

LOOKS LIKE ROBBERY

Victim Had Been Operating Jitney Bus Between Moline and Silvis.

The latest body of Edward Zerbe, a jitney driver, operating between Moline and Silvis, was found behind a stump of willows on the river road, half way between Hampton and Watertown at 8:30 this morning. A resident of East Moline, returning from Kankakee, noticed blood in the road and investigating, followed the stains to find down the embankment toward the river where he made the gruesome find.

Evidence of death by charge from a shotgun at close range was manifest, a gaping hole under the murdered man's left eye indicating the wound used by the murderer.

Robbery is the suspected motive, as only a few cents were found in the man's pockets when authorities searched them. No clue to the slayer's identity has been discovered.

Shot Is Heard.

A farmer living near the scene of the murder stated to authorities this morning that he heard a shot last night about 10:30 and a little later a machine shot past his home, bound for Watertown.

In Y. Althaus, Watertown undertaker to whom establishment of the corpse was taken after the discovery of the crime, said that the body was still warm when it was brought to him but that the murder could have taken place early in the night in spite of this fact.

Machine Is Found.

The new car which Zerbe bought only last Saturday was found about a mile west of the place where the murder took place. A little river in the road stalled the motor and the slayer or slayers evidently decided to leave the car and trust to their legs. The fact that the engine was stalled and that the machine was abandoned leads the authorities to conclude that the murderers were inexperienced with automobiles.

No blood was discovered on the machine.

One theory advanced by farmers who reached the body shortly after the find was that the man had been shot at some other point than the bloody spot which attracted the notice of the East Moline man, and that he had been taken in the machine to that place, dumped out of the car and then dragged to the edge of the river.

Inasmuch as no blood can be found on the car, the police are inclined to reject this theory.

Inquest to Be Held.

After the body had been taken to Althaus's undertaking parlors, Coroner H. C. J. Meyer was notified and

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SPEAKS MONDAY ON LIQUOR QUESTION



Charles Stetle.

In the rush of an executive position, which would seem to demand all of a man's time—and serving on a large number of committees of various kinds in New York's active philanthropic and sociological societies; besides spending fully six months of the year traveling throughout the United States, Mr. Stetle, who will be heard at the Empire theatre, has found time to write nine books. He has been quoted by nearly every writer on modern social problems as they have to do with the church. "American Social and Religious Conditions," "The Church and Labor," "Letters from an American Workingman" and "Christianity's Storm Centre" are books written by Mr. Stetle that have attracted a great deal of attention among the churches in the United States.

Declared his intention of holding an inquest later, Sheriff George H. Highmood is investigating the case, but the only clue upon which he has to work is based upon the finding of a shot, gun shell near the supposed scene of the killing.

From Mr. Althaus it was learned that Zerbe was 34 years old, of German birth and a resident of this country only two years.

He had been in the jitney bus business only since Saturday, taking up this vocation after his regular means of livelihood, bootmaking, had been cut off. A card found on the man shows him to have been a member of the Moline local of bootmakers.

Friends of the dead man say that he had worked at the Silvis shops about nine months. With others he was laid off recently.

Zerbe had been making his home at 1815 Eighteenth avenue, East Moline. He had no relatives in this country.

MITCHELL AND CABLE ADDRESS ROTARIANS

Leon Mitchell and H. S. Cable spoke today at the luncheon meeting of the Rock Island Rotary club, on their recent trip to the Pacific coast, touching briefly on the great fair and other points of interest in California. George Schneider was elected as a member of the club. Mr. Schneider is cashier of the Gansett Candy company.

Today's meeting was held at the Rock Island club with 70 in attendance including three visitors.

COMMITTEE TO MEET TO PLAN ON A TANK

Members of the county infirmary committee will hold a special meeting at the county farm Thursday, at which time plans relative to the installation of a septic tank will be considered. A letter has been received from H. D. Wallis, proprietor of the Cameron Septic Tank company, Chicago, that a tank of 10,000 gallons daily capacity would cost from \$600 to \$1,000, while if it is necessary to place contact beds with suitable alternating device an additional \$1,400 to \$1,250 will be required.

End Work Tomorrow.

Work of the board of managers of the Royal Neighbors, here for the quarterly audit, is expected to be finished Wednesday night. Only routine business is being taken up at this time, enabling the members of the board to wind up their business in record time.

CHARLES JOHNSON IS A RIVER VICTIM

Moline Man's Body Found in Sylvan Slough at Thirty-eighth Street, This City.

WAS LAST SEEN SUNDAY NIGHT

Near Sighted and Supposition Is That While Walking Near Bank He Fell Into the Water.

The body of Charles Johnson, 716 Thirteenth street, Moline, was found near the shore of Sylvan slough at Thirty-eighth street, Rock Island, yesterday afternoon. Coroner H. C. J. Meyer conducted an inquest at the Dixon & Moeller undertaking parlors. A verdict of accidental drowning was returned. Testimony offered would tend to show that Johnson, being nearsighted, fell into the river while taking an early morning walk. He was last seen alive Sunday evening. That he was in his home that night is shown by the condition of the place.

Born in Sweden, Charles Johnson was born in 1858 in Halland, Sweden, and came to America and Keokuk in 1880. After a short residence in that city he moved to Moline where he was employed as a miller's helper at the Moline Malting Iron company. He was later employed in the same capacity at the Cooper Saddlery company. He leaves two brothers in Sweden and a nephew in Keokuk, Iowa.

ARRANGE FOR MANY COLLINS GATHERINGS

A meeting of Collins supporters in the sixth and seventh precincts was held last evening at the residence of E. E. Hamilton. The meeting was devoted to the selection of the workers for election day and canvassers.

A meeting of the women of the sixth and seventh precincts will be held at 8 o'clock this evening at the residence of Mrs. William Bennett, 1401 Fourteenth and a-half street.

At 8 o'clock also there will be a meeting of the Collins adherents in the fifth precinct, the meeting to be held at 3218 Third avenue, in the store room formerly occupied by L. A. Larson.

A well attended meeting of the women in the 11th and 12th precincts interested in Mr. Collins' candidacy was held this morning at the headquarters. Various details of the campaign work were discussed, and the meeting adjourned to meet at the residence of Mrs. Hamilton next Thursday evening.

Arrangements have been made for a meeting of the eighth and ninth precincts, comprising the Fourth ward, and also the sixth precinct, at the headquarters next Thursday evening.

Mr. Collins' friends in the west end of the city have arranged for a meeting on Thursday evening at the Dreamland theatre, on Ninth street and Seventh avenue, in connection with the evening's program of pictures. All men and women voters are invited to see the program of pictures free, and to hear the issues of the campaign discussed by Mr. Collins and others. The program of pictures will begin at 7 o'clock and the speakers will begin at 7:30. Children not accompanied by parents will not be admitted.

NEW ALARM DESK IS PLACED AT STATION

The new desk for the police alarm system, now being installed by the Star Electric people, was placed in the police station, and work of connecting up the stand started this morning. The old desk, which has been doing service for years, has been torn out. The new desk is golden oak and is nicely finished. Under the new system each call is registered automatically and the desk sergeant does not have to answer the phone unless he has a message for the officer calling in.

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Where Fashion Reigns

FORMER ISLANDER FALLS TO DEATH

Body of Ebenezer H. Ireland Picked Up Near Burlington Track North of Rio.

While hunting for wolves near Rio, Knox county, Sunday afternoon, Ben Robertson and his 12-year-old son Glen found the dead body of Ebenezer H. Ireland, formerly of this city, near a Burlington railroad bridge over Pope creek, 2 1/2 miles north of Rio. Ireland had been dead for many hours.

The remains will be brought to the Dixon & Moeller undertaking rooms in this city tomorrow. Ireland worked as barn man for Mr. Moeller for four years when the latter conducted a livery stable.

It was not long after the sharp area of the boy hunter had spotted a good-sized timber wolf, which the boys were unable to reach, that the two animals noticed the prostrate body of a man below the bridge. The boy saw him first and called to his father.

"Say, feller," called the father, "hey, there."

But there was no reply. The hunters found A. A. Shaw, a nearby farmer, and the three went to the place where the dead man lay. The man was unknown to them. A telephone call was then sent for Sheriff F. F. Hooker at Galesburg.

With the arrival of Sheriff Hooker and Deputy Sheriff Lou Wilson, the identity of the man was finally established. A pocket note book gave the following facts:

"My name is Ebenezer H. Ireland, my address is 114 1-3 East Tenth street, Davenport, Iowa. In case of accident or serious illness notify my mother, Mrs. E. A. Ireland, at above address."

Davenport police failed to find any member of the Ireland family at the address given, but learned that Ireland had left some baggage at the Germania house. Mrs. Ireland was

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